

3.4 Mass Transit

GOAL 401

To provide a coordinated surface transportation system for transportation disadvantaged people within Monroe County and to encourage such a system for all residents and guests.

Objective 401.1

Monroe County shall encourage the provision of transit service for all residents to major trip generators. [9J-5.008(3)(b)1]

Policy 401.1.1

By January 4, 1997, Monroe County shall adopt Land Development Regulations requiring retail shopping facilities, offices and similar uses generating over two thousand (2,000) trips per day be built to accommodate mass transit by being designed to include such features as adequate turning radii for large vehicles, direct access to sheltered areas with seating that can serve as a bus stop and pedestrian access to adjacent properties.

Policy 401.1.2

Within twelve (12) months of the effective date of the Comprehensive Plan, Monroe County shall adopt land development regulations that favor the clustering of major trip generators and transit oriented uses.

Policy 401.1.3

Within twelve (12) months of the effective date of the Comprehensive Plan, Monroe County shall adopt land development regulations that encourage all developers to assist the transition to transit by such efforts as providing car pools, transit facilities, and pedestrian/bicycle paths.

Policy 401.1.4

Monroe County shall phase the development of complete transit services, and as an interim measure shall seek the provision of interim measures such as car pool services to the service population, major employers, dense residential areas, resort guests, and tourists.

Policy 401.1.5

Monroe County shall continue to seek funds for the transportation disadvantaged and other transit and paratransit operations from all applicable Federal, State, and other sources and shall continue to provide gas tax revenues to public transit and/or paratransit services.

Policy 401.1.6

Monroe County shall allocate funds collected from highway impact fees to capital expansions of public transit systems that relieve highway traffic or reduce the demand for additional highway capacity.

Policy 401.1.7

Monroe County shall encourage the operation of public and private transit and paratransit services and shall seek legislation to exempt transit facilities such as terminals and repair shops from the U.S. 1 concurrency requirements.

Policy 401.1.8

Due to the very narrow geography of the Florida Keys, limited U.S. 1 right-of-way and exclusive mass transit corridors and limited rate of growth, Monroe County will not establish measures for the acquisition and preservation of transit rights-of-way and exclusive mass transit corridors. [9J-5.008(3)(b)3 & (c)2]

Objective 401.2

Monroe County shall ensure at the time a development permit is issued, adequate paratransit services are available to support the development at the adopted level of services standard concurrent with the impacts of such development. However, because transit services are not now provided throughout the county, transit services will not be required to be concurrent with development. [9J-5.008(3)(c)1]

Policy 401.2.1

Monroe County shall strive to continue to provide service to the transportation disadvantaged eight (8) hours each weekday upon twenty-four (24) hours of notice.

Objective 401.3

Monroe County's Transportation Program shall provide services to the transportation disadvantaged and shall work in conjunction with the City of Key West's Port and Transit Authority, the Designated Official Planning Agency and the Florida Department of Transportation in coordinating the provision of paratransit services. [9J-5.008(3)(b)2]

Policy 401.3.1

Monroe County shall continue the Monroe County Transportation Program for operating transportation programs in coordination with the Local Planning Organization, Key West Port and Transit Authority, and the Florida Department of Transportation.

Policy 401.3.2

Monroe County shall work with the Local Planning Organization but shall not assume the designation of Community Transportation Coordinator or Designated Official Planning Agency due to the limited mission of the Monroe County Transportation Program.

Policy 401.3.3

Monroe County shall continue to seek funds for the transportation disadvantaged from all applicable Federal, State, Regional and other sources in order to provide service and maintain a modern fleet of paratransit vehicles.

Policy 401.3.4

Monroe County shall, through the Monroe County Transportation Program and Planning Department, annually review the Florida Department of Transportation 5-Year Plan.

